CASE

OF

FAMES EDMUNDSON,

One of the late South-Sea DIRECTORS,

1 R. Edmundson was of the Committee of Accounts, and House and Servants, and of no other Committee, nor was he ever consulted or advis'd with, in forming or carrying on the late unhappy Scheme.

HE knew not nor heard of any Stock being taken in or held by the Company for the Benefit of any Person or Persons whatsoever, nor of the Exceedings on the Loans upon Stock, till after the Enquiry of PARLIAMENT; Nor of the Lending Money on Subscriptions, till after it was done, and was then very much Surprized at it.

HE never heard that any of the Stock and Subscriptions pawn'd to the Company had been sold, till he saw it in the Votes of the 18th of February last; Nor was he privy to any Orders given for buying Stock for the Company, and when the Minutes of Treasury giving an Account thereof were read, he Objected against their being Confirm'd, or made the Ast of the Court.

HE had no hand in, or Benefit by the Additions to the First and Second Money Subscriptions, nor the Deficiencies in the Third and Fourth.

He owns he agreed to the Great Dividend, depending upon the Veracity and Integrity of the Committee, (to whom that Matter was particularly referr'd) who reported to the Court, that the Company were able to make a Dividend of 30 per Cent. at Christmas, and to continue a Dividend of 50 per Cent. per Ann. for 15 Years after, but that they thought it more prudent then, to declare it only for twelve.

AND being deluded and missed with the Generality of People at that Time, he was so unfortunate, as to buy in Stock at 990, 960, 935, and 800 per Cent. and has been necessitated since to sell out again a considerable part thereof, at under 170 per Cent. by which, and the present low Price of Stock, (instead of being enrich'd) he is almost ruin'd, which he apprehends is a convincing Argument that he was not in the Secret.

A ND forasmuch as he hath not been guilty of any of the said Fraudulent Contrivances, Ill Practices, or Breaches of Trust, mentioned in the Bill now depending, but is really one of the poor unhappy Susserers; the small Fortune he has left being scarce sufficient to subsist Him and his Wife, and Four small Children. And having no other Prospect of repairing his unhappy Circumstances, but the hopes of getting into some publick Employment, or going Abroad,

both which he is debarred of as the bill now stands.

Therefore he humbly prays this Honourable House will be pleas'd to take his bard Case into their Consideration, and grant him such Relief as to them in their great Wisdom and Justice shall seem meet.



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